

2. The Applicant elects the species of Figure 8. A listing of all pending claims readable upon the species of Fig. 8 are as follows: Claims 1-4 and 6-16. Claims 1-3, 6-7, and 9-16 are readable all three species. Claim 4 is readable upon the species of Figs. 6 and 8. Claim 5 is readable upon the species of Figs. 7.

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 were pending. Claims 17-38 have been cancelled and have not been elected. Claims 1-16 are now presented for consideration on the merits, with Claims 1-4 and 6-16 being readable upon the elected species of Figure 8. In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application which could be clarified by a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned attorney.

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